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FOR COL LINK

SUMMARY: DISCUSSIONS AT NINETEENTH NEWAC PLENARY MEETING MAY 26-27
INDICATED THAT NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT HAD A GROWING
AWARENESS THAT NEWAC SHOULD BE A DRIVING FORCE IN THE EW
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, BUT MOST REPRESENTATIVES HAD NO CLEAR
IDEA HOW TO MAKE IT SO. THE REPRESENTATIVES SEEMED GENERALLY TO
LACK APPRECIATION OF THE HIGH LEVEL NATO CONCERN ABOUT EW AS
SHOWN BY ITS MENTION IN STUDIES OF ALLIED DEFENSE PROBLEMS OF
THE 1970S (AD-70) AND OF NATO BASIC ISSUES SELECTED FOR PRIORITY
ATTENTION INDICATED. OUR SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE NEWAC ACTION
ARE GIVEN BELOW. END SUMMARY. ITEM NUMBERS REFER TO AGENDA
(INCL 1 TO REF).

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1. ITEM IVD, NEWAC TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR). WITH A MINOR CHANGE,
COMMITTEE AGREED TO RECOMMEND THE DRAFT REVISION (ANNEX E TO
INCL 1 TO REF A). CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT, AS A RESULT OF NATO
MANPOWER SURVER, INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF (IMS) WILL TRANSFER

STAFF RESPONSIBILITY FOR NEWAC AND EW ACTIVITIES FROM COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS DIVISION TO OPERATIONS DIVISION, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 1975. NEWAC WILL THEN PROCESS REVISED TOR THROUGH OPERATIONS DIVISION TO THE MILITARY COMMITTEE (MC). COMMENT: NEWAC ACCEPTANCE OF REVISED TOR REPRESENTS SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN US CAMPAIGN TO INVOLVE NEWAC IN THE NATO EW IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO PRESS NEWAC TO FUNCTION AS AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THEREBY GAIN GREATER VISIBILITY IN THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE/NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL FOR THE EW IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. END COMMENT.

2. ITEM IV E, NEED FOR SOME SPECIFIED NATO BODY TO MAINTAIN CURRENT RECORDS ON PROGRESS OF EW CAPABILITIES OF NATO NATIONS. DISCUSSION RANGED WIDELY WITHOUT AGREEMENT. SOME NATIONS EXPRESSED RELUCTANCE TO AIR THEIR NATIONAL EW PROGRAM INFORMATION EXCEPT ON A TRUE NEED-TO-KNOW BASIS. SOME OPPOSED FURTHER QUESTIONNAIRES ON THEIR EW CAPABILITIES AND PROJECTIONS, CITING REPETITIVE WORKLOAD INVOLVED IN RESPONDING TO MNC'S THE SEVERAL NATO ARMAMENTS COMMITTEES, AND FINABEL COUNTERPARTS. DISCUSSION LED TO OBSERVATION THAT DIFFERENT LEVELS AND TYPES OF INFORMATION ARE REQUIRED FOR DIFFERENT NATO PURPOSES: DETAILED CAPABILITY INFORMATION AT MCS/PSC LEVEL FOR OPERATIONAL PLANNING; BORDER PROGRAM AND NATIONAL INTEREST INFORMATION FOR CNAD WORK TOWARD COOPERATION AND STANDARDIZATION; AND SOME UNSPECIFIED LEVEL OF INFORMATION TO PERMIT EVALUATION OF OVERALL NATO PROGRESS AT DPC/NAC LEVEL. COMMENT: MEMBERS ARE REASONABLY CONVERSANT WITH NEED FOR CAPABILITY INFORMATION FOR OPERATIONAL PLANNING; COMEWHAT LESS SYMPATHETIC WITH THE NEED FOR PLANNING INFORMATION FOR COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AND PROCUREMENT; AND UNFAMILIAR WITH THE LACK OF INFORMATION AT THE DPC/NAC LEVEL NECESSARY TO EVALUATE PROGRESS. AT NEXT MEETING NEWAC SHOULD DISCUSS THE KINDS OF INFORMATION NEEDED AT EACH LEVEL. THESE DISCUSSIONS SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON THE NATO FORCE PLANNING CYCLE, THE END RESULTS, AND THE NEED FOR EVALUATING PROGRESS IN MEETING AGREED OBJECTIVES. IN THIS CONNECTION, NEWAC COULD INSURE THE AVAILABILITY OF NEEDED KINDS OF INFORMATION BY SUGGESTING THE INCLUSION OF SPECIFIC
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ELEMENTS IN DEFENSE PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRES (DPQ). WE SHALL PROPOSE ABOVE ACTION AND SHALL HELP CHAIRMAN PREPARE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT NEWAC MEETING. END COMMENT. SHAPE WILL PROVIDE A STATUS REPORT ON EW OPERATIONAL PLANNING IN AUGUST.

3. BRIEFINGS DURING MEETING WERE TIMELY AND WELL RECEIVED. BOTH THE GERMAN PRESENTATION ON ITS EW TRAINING AIRCRAFT AND THE STC PRESENTATION ON IMPROVEMENT OF ECCM TRAINING BY RADAR ENVIRONMENT SIMULATION REINFORCED THE MNC REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPROVED EW TRAINING THROUGHOUT NATO. THE US PRESENTATIONS ON SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE SUPPRESSION AND ON EVALUATION OF EW PLAY IN EXERCISES MADE MEMBERS AWARE OF DETAILS OF SPECIALIZED OPERATIONAL PLANNING AND TRAINING REQUIRED FOR EW.

4. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE LTC FREDRICK E. PIRKEY, USAF, WHO WILL
BECOME CHAIRMAN NEWAC UPON ASSUMING HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT AS
SENIOR EW OFFICER ON THE IMS THIS SUMMER, BENEFITED FROM ATTENDING
THIS MEETING. MEMBERS WELCOMED HIS ATTENDANCE.
END COMMENT.
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